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To the Editor
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Dear Editor:-

As we talk about putting people back to work, it is time to think of some specific programs that might help us reach this objective. I offer one.

Let us restore and selectively rebuild important portions of the electric trolley network that at one time connected towns and cities. I am familiar with this network in Indiana in the first quarter of this century, and the remnants of it in New Jersey in 1920. Given a little thought, the benefits of this restoration program are obvious. For the short term, these projects would offer immediate employment for the skilled and unskilled, and lasting employment for many.

In Newark, a sensible project is the extension of the Newark Snowy, above ground, alongside Bayona Boulevard, then South along a carefully selected street, perhaps Newark Avenue, to Fort Newark, the Newark Airport and Elizabeth. This extension would serve not only the needs of airport passengers and employees, but residents and businesses in an important part of the City of Newark. This cannot be said of the possibly ugly and certainly very expensive Monorail which apparently is being considered.

With firm decisions and aggressive design, many trolley restoration projects, in New Jersey and nationwide, would be ready for site clearance preliminary to construction in a matter of months.

Yours truly,

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